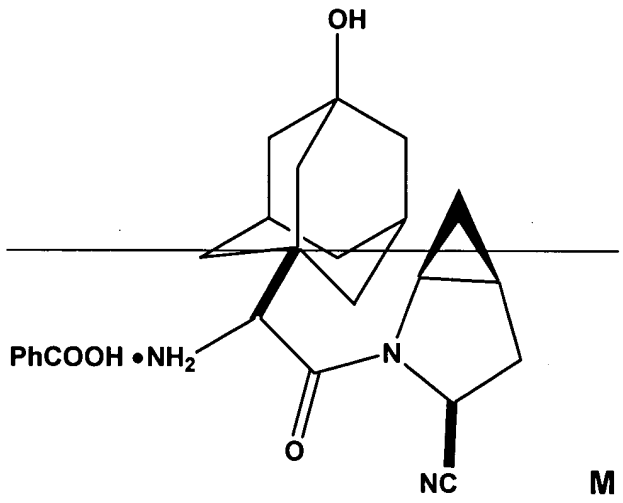
AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2, please replace the paragraph at lines 3 to 18 with the following:

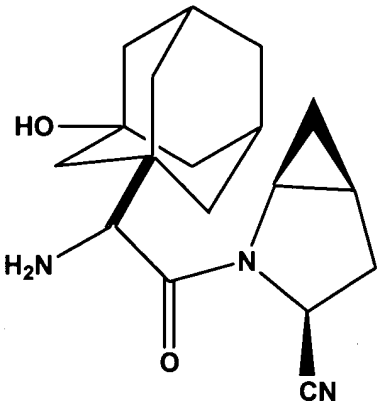
Inhibitors of dipeptidyl peptidase IV have been developed to potentiate endogenous levels of GLP-1(7,36). U.S. Patent No. 6,395,767 discloses cyclopropyl-fused pyrrolidine-based inhibitors of dipeptidyl peptidase IV. Methods for chemically synthesizing these inhibitors are disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,395,767 as well as in the literature. For example, see Sagnard et al. Tet-Lett. 1995 36:3148-3152; Tverezovsky et al. Tetrahedron 1997 53:14773-14792; and Hanessian et al. Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett. 1998 8:2123-2128. A preferred inhibitor disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,395,767 is ~~(1S,3S,5S)-2-[(2S)-2-amino-2-(3-hydroxytricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-yl)-1-oxoethyl]-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carbonitrile, benzoate (1:1) as depicted in Formula M~~.



M

~~and~~ the ~~corresponding~~ free base, (1S,3S,5S)-2-[(2S)-2-amino-2-(3-hydroxy-tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-yl)-1-oxoethyl]-2-azabicyclo-[3.1.0]hexane-3-carbonitrile (M'), ~~and its monohydrate (M'')~~

Page 3, lines 1 and 2, please amend to read as follows:

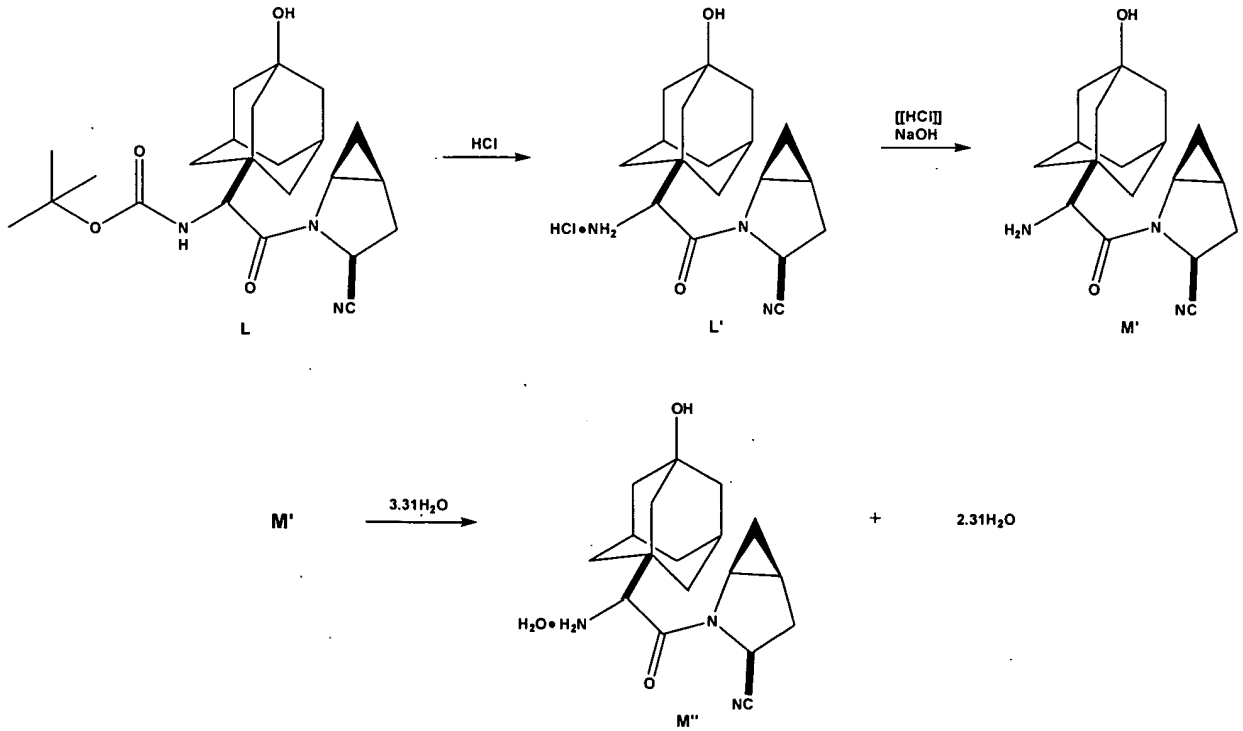


M'

free base M' ~~or its monohydrate M''~~

Page 30, please amend Scheme VIIB at lines 1 to 4 to read as follows:

SCHEME VIIB



Page 30, lines 7 to 12, please replace the paragraph with the following:

BOC-protected intermediate L is treated with concentrated hydrochloric acid in the presence of methylene chloride and methanol while maintaining reaction temperature within the range from about 20 and 25°C, to form hydrochloride salt L′. Hydrochloride salt L′ is treated with ~~hydrochloric acid and then~~ sodium hydroxide or other strong base to form the free base M′. Free base M′ is then treated with water to form the free base monohydrate M″.

Page 79, lines 23 to 26, please replace with the following:

EXAMPLE 37

Coupling Reaction to produce 3-~~cyano~~ aminocarbonyl-(<aS)-<a-(3-hydroxytricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-yl)-<b-oxo-(1S,3S,5S)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-ethanecarbamic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester (Formula K)

Page 81, lines 1 to 4, please replace with the following:

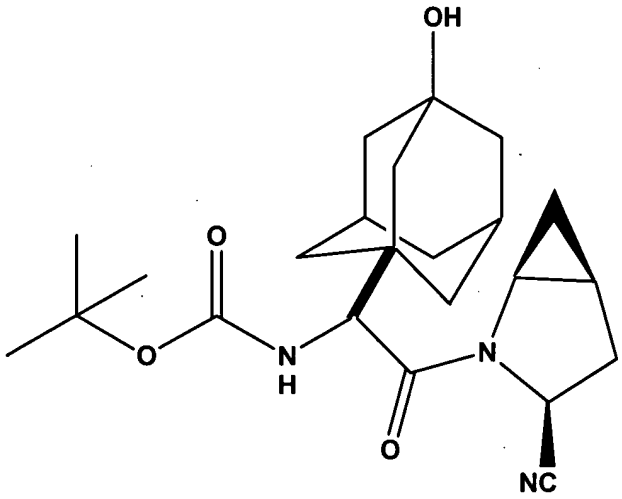
EXAMPLE 39

Coupling Reaction to produce 3-~~cyano~~ aminocarbonyl-(<aS)-<a-(3-hydroxytricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-yl)-<b-oxo-(1S,3S,5S)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-ethanecarbamic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester (Formula K)

Please replace page 84 with the following page:

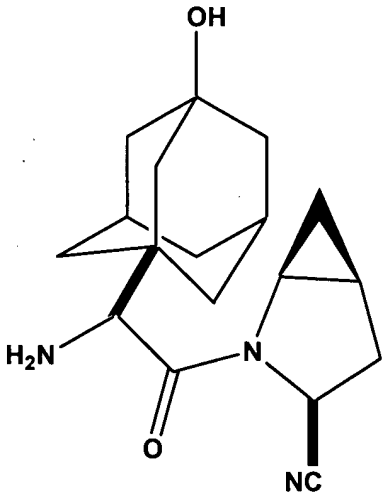
EXAMPLE 42

Deprotection of L



L

to produce free base M'



M'
and its monohydrate M"

Example [[38]] 40 compound (L) (300g, 0.723 mol, potency of 90.6%), methylene chloride (3L), methanol (288 ml, 7.23 mol) and concentrated (36%) hydrochloric acid (288 ml, 7.23 mol) were charged to a 3-neck 12 L flask equipped with mechanical stirrer, temperature probe and N_2 gas inlet. Reaction occurred while maintaining reaction temperature within the range from about 20

to about 25 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 hours, split into 2 phases and the top aqueous layer was --

Page 86, please replace with the following:

-- filtered, the cake washed with ethyl acetate and dried at [[rt]] room temperature under vacuum to give 186g of monohydrate compound [[M']] M", yield 81%. --